

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A fitment comprising:

a base flange;

a hollow spout;

a removable part within a base of the spout;

an overcap for resealably closing the spout, and;

a barrier foil comprising an aluminium foil coated on both sides with a plastics layer;

wherein the barrier foil is a coated aluminium foil that has an exposed aluminium cut edge immediately prior to assembly in the fitment, and ~~that the~~ exposed aluminium cut edge of the barrier foil is assembled to the base flange of the pre-fabricated fitment in such a manner that the exposed aluminium cut edge is covered by a portion of the base flange and sealed from ~~to prevent the aluminium cut edge, when the fitment is in use, from coming into contact with contents of a container that contact the barrier foil when to which the fitment is assembled with the base flange inside the container.~~

2. (original): A fitment as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the aluminium cut edge of the foil is embedded in the base flange.

3. (original): A fitment as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the foil is sealed to the base flange.

4. (previously presented): A fitment comprising:

a base flange having a first flange surface, a second flange surface that is opposite to the first surface and a flange edge extending between the first flange surface and the second flange surface;

a hollow spout projecting from the second flange surface;

a removable part within a base of the spout;

an overcap for resealably closing the spout; and

a barrier foil comprising a foil with a first foil side, a second foil side opposite to the first foil side, and a foil edge extending between the first foil side and the second foil side, a first

plastics layer extending over said first foil side, and a second plastics layer extending over said second foil side;

wherein said barrier foil is wrapped over the first surface of the flange such that the barrier foil extends over the first flange surface and the flange edge and extends over at least a portion of the second flange surface surrounding the spout.

5. (previously presented): A fitment as claimed in any one of claims 1 and 4, further comprising tamper evident means.

6. (previously presented): A paperboard carton with a fitment as claimed in any one of claims 1 and 4 inserted into a pre-cut hole in a composite paperboard wall, characterised in that a seal between edges of the foil and the wall are of the same integrity as other seams in a remainder of the carton.

7. (previously presented): A plastic coated or barrier coated metal container with a fitment as claimed in any one of claims 1 and 4 inserted into a pre-cut hole in a wall of the container, characterised in that a seal between edges of the foil and the wall are of the same integrity as other seams in a remainder of the container.

8. (previously presented): A mono or multi-layer plastics container which is thermoformed, injection moulded, or blow moulded, with a fitment as claimed in any one of claims 1 and 4 inserted into a pre-cut hole in a wall of the container, characterised in that a seal between edges of the foil and the wall are of the same integrity as other seams in a remainder of the container.

9. (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a fitment, as claimed in claim 1, comprising the steps of placing an aluminium foil having a plastics layer on each surface within a receiving wall projecting from a first surface of a base flange of a fitment that has a hollow spout extending from an opposite surface, and welding the foil to the flange such that the wall is sealed over an aluminium cut edge of the foil.

10. (withdrawn): A method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the step of folding the receiving wall over the edge of the foil prior to the securing step.

11. (withdrawn): A method as claimed in claim 9 or 10, wherein the securing step is carried out by induction heat sealing.

12. (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a fitment comprising the steps of wrapping a foil having a plastics layer on each surface over a first surface of a base flange of a fitment that has a hollow spout extending from an opposite surface such that the foil extends onto the opposite surface surrounding the spout, and welding the foil to the flange.

13. (previously presented) A fitment, as claimed in claim 1, wherein;
the foil has a first foil side, a second foil side opposite to the first foil side, and the aluminium cut edge extends between the first foil side and the second foil side.

14. (previously presented) A fitment, as claimed in claim 13, wherein:
the base flange covers the first foil side and the aluminium cut edge.

15. (previously presented) A fitment, as claimed in claim 13, wherein:
the base flange covers the first foil side, the aluminium cut edge, and at least a portion of the second foil side.